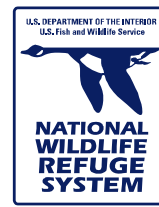


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Birding Field Trip: Harbingers of Spring

The next birding field trip of the 2011 season at Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge will take place on Sunday, March 27, 2011, with a close look at “Harbingers of Spring.” Led by volunteer naturalists Bill Fintel, Sally Fintel, and Ed Sigda, this trip will involve looking for many of the resident birds which have over-wintered and will now be in full song. Because the number of birds singing is limited, it is a good time of year to refresh one’s song identification skills. Participants will also visit several of the impoundments for late waterfowl, which will be in full breeding plumage, and of course the group will look for early spring migrants such as osprey, laughing gull, and shorebirds. Participants should meet at the Refuge Headquarters office at 8:00 AM. The field trips are free and open to the public. Please call the Refuge at (302) 684-8419 for more information or check out our website at <http://primehook.fws.gov> for a complete schedule of birding trips.

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